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EXTENSION OF THE FOURTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR KUWAIT

Note by the Administrator

I. JUSTIFICATION

1. The fourth country programme for Kuwait (DP/CP/KUW/4), which is totally financed by government cost-sharing, was formulated to cover the period 1987-1989. The Government of Kuwait has requested an extension of the fourth country programme for one year to the end of 1990. The purpose of this extension is to allow thorough preparation of the next country programme and establish adequate linkages with the development priorities of the second five-year national development plan, which will be submitted for approval to the Council of Ministers in June 1990.

II. OBJECTIVES

2. As the extension period will mainly cover activities of ongoing projects, the objectives set forth by the fourth country programme remain valid. These are:

(a) Long-term socio-economic development planning;

(b) Diversification of income-generating sources;

(c) Human resources development strategy;

(d) Improving management and maintenance operations;

(e) Promoting science and technology research.

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III. PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

3. Activities to be carried out under the extension period will be a continuation of those being implemented under the fourth country programme. They are summarized under the following sectoral headings:

(a) General development issues, policies and planning. Assistance is being provided to the Ministry of Planning in the fields of macro-economic planning, manpower planning, technical development, engineering consultancies, structural and urban planning, statistics, national accounts and computer applications.

(b) Agriculture, forestry and fisheries. Activities under this sector include technical assistance in irrigation designs and networks, agriculture co-operatives, livestock health and production, nutrition services and date production development.

(c) Transport and communications. Activities in this sector encompass assistance in telecommunications planning, computer applications, civil aviation and port management.

(d) Environment health. Assistance is rendered under this sector in the form of short-term consultancies in oil pollution and the control of desertification.

(e) Population. Assistance is provided to the Central Statistical Department in the field of demography analysis and training.

(f) Education. The advisory services provided in this sector include curricula revision and upgrading, evaluation of the cost effectiveness of education, and the simplification of school building design.

(g) Social conditions and equity. Advisory services are being provided to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour in the field of rehabilitation of the mentally retarded and vocational rehabilitation of the physically disabled.

(h) Health. Assistance under this sector is rendered to the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research in the fields of food hygiene, quality control and standardization, and pesticides residue analysis and control.

(i) Human resources development. Almost all projects of the country programme contribute activities under this sector by on-the-job training of counterparts and, more specifically, through advisory services in the field of vocational training.

4. A small number of new activities will be initiated in 1990 and will consist mainly of short-term consultancy services in various fields. These will be accommodated under one umbrella project.

5. The Administrator wishes to inform the Council that he has approved the extension of the country programme for Kuwait for a period of one year beginning 1 January 1990.